

# Oral Commentaries on Classic Dharma Texts by Kokyo Henkel

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## ***Mahayana Sutras (Scriptures of the Buddha):***

### **Avatamsaka Sutra: Flower Ornament Scripture, Samantabhadra Bodhisattva's Conduct and Vows**

Ten Vows for Meeting Buddhas: Devotional Practices for Bodhisattvas

Book: "The Flower Ornament Scripture" or "Entry Into the Realm of Reality" by Thomas Cleary

May-June, 2016 (4 classes)

### **Brahmajala Sutra: Divine Net Scripture, Receiving Buddha's Precepts and Entering Awakening**

Ten Bodhisattva Precepts of our Lineage: Benefiting Living Beings and Becoming a Child of Buddha

Book: "The Buddha Speaks the Brahma Net Sutra" by BTTS or "Bodhisattva Precepts" by Rulu

October-November, 2016 (6 classes)

### **Maha Prajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra: Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Scripture**

Form Itself is Emptiness, Emptiness Itself is Form: Second Turning of the Dharma Wheel

Book: "The Heart Attack Sutra" by Karl Brunnholzl or "The Heart Sutra" by Red Pine

August-September, 2015 (6 classes)

### **Sandhinirmochana Sutra: Unlocking the Mystery, Foundational Scripture of the Yogachara School**

Buddha's Teaching of Mind-Only: Third Turning of the Dharma Wheel

Book: "Wisdom of Buddha" by John Powers or "Buddhist Yoga" by Thomas Cleary

Chapters 5, 6, 7: Eight Consciousnesses and Three Natures – February-April, 2011 (8 classes)

Chapter 8: Calm Abiding and Insight – December 1-7, 2011 (7 talks)

### **Lankavatara Sutra: Mind, Transformation, and Buddha Nature**

The One Book Bodhidharma Brought from India to China: Third Turning of the Dharma Wheel

Book: "The Lankavatara Sutra" by Red Pine or "The Lankavatara Sutra" by D.T. Suzuki

Eight Consciousnesses and Three Natures – Feb-April, 2012 (7 classes)

Tathagatagarbha, Buddha Nature – July-August, 2012 (6 classes)

## ***Mahayana Shastras (Indian Treatises):***

### **Nagarjuna's Mulamadhyamakakarika: Wisdom of the Middle Way**

Dependent Co-Arising and Emptiness of all Things (second century)

Book: "Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way" by Jay Garfield or "N's Middle Way" by M. Siderits

Chapter 1: Examination of Conditions – May-June, 2010 (6 classes)

Chapter 18: Examination of Self – June-July, 2011 (6 classes)

Chapter 24: Examination of the Noble Truths – November-December, 2015 (6 classes)

### **Asanga's Bodhisattvabhumi: The Bodhisattva's Three Pure Precepts**

Embracing Standards of Conduct, Embracing Good Qualities, Embracing Living Beings (fourth century)

Book: "Asanga's Chapter on Ethics" by M. Tatz or "BS Path to Unsurpassed Enlightenment" by A. Engle

February-March, 2014 (6 classes)

### **Vasubandhu's Bodhichittotpada Shastra: The Bodhisattva Vow and Six Perfections**

Aspiration and Giving, Harmlessness, Patience, Diligence, Presence, Understanding (fourth century)

Book: "Vasubandhu's Treatise on the Bodhisattva Vow" by Bhikshu Dharmamitra

December 4-10, 2014 (7 talks)

## ***Chinese Chan Classics:***

### **Zhiyi's Six Subtle Dharma Gates: Meditation on the Breath and No Breath**

Chinese Tiantai School Teachings, Paving the Way for Zen

Book: "The Six Dharma Gates to the Sublime" by Bhikshu Dharmamitra

December 3-8, 2010 (6 talks) (plus May 11, 2013)

### **Third Ancestor's Song of the Trusting Mind: The First Zen Teaching**

Book: "Trust in Mind" by Mu Soeng

December 3-9, 2015 (7 talks)

### **Sixth Ancestor's Platform Sutra: The Zen Teaching of Immediacy**

Book: "The Platform Sutra" by Red Pine or "The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch" by P. Yampolsky

1. The Mind of No Abode – October 20, 2010

2. Polishing the Mirror Where No Dust Ever Lands – November 10, 2010

3. What is Your Original Face? – November 24, 2010

4. Freedom From Thought – January 5, 2011

### **Shitou's Merging of Difference and Unity: Light and Dark are Relative to One Another**

Book: "Branching Streams Flow in the Darkness" by Shunryu Suzuki

June 1-5, 2011 (6 talks), Jikoji Zen Center: <http://audio.jikoji.org/Years2011Nbefore/>

### **Dongshan's Jewel Mirror Samadhi and Five Relationships: Subtle Zen Poetry**

Book: "Just This Is It" by Taigen Dan Leighton or "Dongshan's Five Ranks" by Ross Bolleter

Dongshan's Song of the Jewel Mirror Samadhi – February-March, 2013 (6 classes)

Dongshan's Five Relationships of Appearance and Reality – July-August, 2013 (6 classes)

### **Turning the Light Around and Shining Back: Calm-Abiding and Insight in Chinese Zen**

April 2-6, 2014 (6 talks)

### **Book of Serenity: 100 Zen Koans, Compiled and Versified by Tiantong Hongzhi**

Book: "The Book of Serenity" by Thomas Cleary or "The Book of Equanimity" by Gerry Shishin Wick

1. The World-Honored One Ascends the Seat as Suchness – May 9, 2012

2. Bodhidharma's Emptiness – December 10, 2014

3. Prajnataras Breathing Without Dwelling Anywhere – June 13, 2012

4. The World-Honored One Points to the Ground and Indra Plants Grass – September 12, 2012

5. Qingyuan and the Price of Rice; Tradition and Innovation – September 19, 2012

6. Deconstruction and Mazu's White and Black – November 14, 2012

7. Yaoshan Gets Up on the Teaching Seat – March 6, 2013

8. Baizhang and the Wild Fox: The Mirror Doesn't Obscure Cause and Effect – May 22, 2013

9. Nanquan Kills a Cat and Zhaozhou Expresses Himself – June 5, 2013

10. Zhaozhou Checks Out the Old Woman of Taishan – June 19, 2013

11. Yunmen's Two Sicknesses – July 24, 2013

12. Dizang Plants the Fields, What Do You Call the World? – August 21, 2013

13. Linji's Blind Ass and Transmission of the Lineage – September 25, 2013

14. Deshan Lets the Matter Rest – November 6, 2013

15. Yangshan Plants a Hoe, People Cut Thatch, and the Planet Warms – July 30, 2014

16. Magu Shakes a Staff, Approval and Disapproval – September 17, 2014

17. Fayans Hairsbreadth Difference – November 8, 2014

18. Zhaozhou's Dog and the Middle Way of Buddha Nature – January 21, 2015

19. Yunmen's "Mount Sumeru" and Not Producing a Single Thought – May 13, 2015

20. Dizang's "Not Knowing is Most Intimate" – July 22, 2015

21. Yunyan Sweeps the Ground and the Headless One Who is Not Busy – August 26, 2015

22. Yantou Straddles the Threshold – June 29, 2016

- 28. Shame, Guilt, and Embarrassment – June 28, 2017
- 30. A Buddhist Creation Myth and Dasui's Eonic Fire – November 15, 2017
- 39. Wash Your Bowls in the Ocean of Here and Now – December 6, 2017
- 43. Whose Arising and Vanishing Is It – April 26, 2017

### ***Japanese Soto Zen Classics:***

#### **Dogen's Treasury of the True Dharma Eye (Shobogenzo)**

Book: "Treasury of the True Dharma Eye" by Kazuaki Tanahashi

- 1. Bendowa (Wholehearted Practice of the Way) – Genzo-e sesshin, October 15-19, 2015 (10 talks)
- 3. Genjo Koan (Actualizing the Fundamental Point) – October-November, 2010 (4 classes)
- 4. Ikka Myoju (One Bright Pearl) – Genzo-e sesshin, April 5-9, 2011 (9 talks)
- 6. Sokushin Zebutsu (Mind Itself is Buddha) – Genzo-e sesshin, July 8-11, 2010 (7 talks)
- 10. Keisei Sanshoku (Valley Streams, Mountain Colors) – Genzo-e sesshin, Feb 9-13, 2012 (10 talks)
- 12. Uji (Being Time) – October-November, 2011 (8 classes)
- 15. Sansuikyo (Mountains and Waters Sutra) – Genzo-e study week, September 4-5, 2012 (2 talks)
- 21. Kokyo (The Ancient Mirror) – class series, October-December 2013 (8 classes)
- 23. Bussho (Buddha Nature) – class series and sesshin, October-December, 2012 (14 talks)
- 28. Zazenshin (The Point of Zazen) – Genzo-e sesshin, February 14-18, 2013 (10 talks)
- 34. Kannon (Avalokiteshvara) – Genzo-e sesshin, Jul 3-6, 2014 (5 talks) <http://audio.jikoji.org/index.html>
- 41. Gabyo (Painting of a Rice Cake) – May 19-21, 2017 (5 talks) <http://audio.jikoji.org/index.html>
- 46. Bodaisatta Shishoho (Bodhisattva's Four Ways of Embrace) – September, 2014 (4 classes)
- 55. Hossho (The Nature of Things) – May, 2015 (4 classes)
- 64. Kajo (Everyday Activity) – Genzo-e, July 7-10, 2016 (5 talks) <http://audio.jikoji.org/index.html>
- 69. Hotsu Mujoshin (Arousing Aspiration for the Unsurpassable) – Genzo-e, Feb 13-17, 2014 (10 talks)
- 70. Hotsu Bodaishin (Arousing the Awakening Mind of Bodhichitta) – Oct-November 2014 (6 classes)
- 77. Koku (Space) – Genzo-e sesshin, July 10-14, 2015 (5 talks) <http://audio.jikoji.org/index.html>
- 89. Kie Sanbo (Taking Refuge in the Three Treasures) – August-September, 2016 (6 classes)
- 92. Yuibutsu Yobutsu (Only Buddha & Buddha) – May 2012 (7 talks) <http://audio.jikoji.org/index13.html>
- 93. Shoji (Birth and Death) – Genzo-e study week, May 27-29, 2013 (3 classes)
- Fukanzazengi (Universal Recommendation for the Ceremony of Zazen) – sesshin, Dec 1-7, 2016 (7 talks)

#### **Keizan's Record of Transmitting the Light (Denkoroku)**

Book: "The Record of Transmitting the Light" by Francis Cook

The Seven Ancient Buddhas: Prelude – August 5, 2015

Shakyamuni Buddha Sees the Morning Star – August 6-10, 2015 (2 talks)

- 1. Mahakashyapa Smiles at a Flower – August 6-10, 2015 (2 talks)
- 2. Ananda Takes Down the Flagpole – August 6-10, 2015 (1 talk)
- 3. Shanavasa's Original Unborn Nature – October 13-17, 2016 (2 talks)
- 4. Upagupta Not Leaving Home in Body or Mind – October 13-17, 2016 (2 talks)
- 5. Dhrtaka's Selfless Self – October 13-17, 2016 (2 talks)
- 6. Micchaka Leaving Wizardry for the Ocean – October 13-17, 2016 (3 talks)
- 12. Ashvaghosha Gets Cut Through by Not Knowing – October 13-15, 2017 (2 talks)
- 13. Kapimala's Ocean of Buddha Nature – October 13-15, 2017 (2 talks)
- 14. Nagarjuna's Wish-Fulfilling Jewel – October 13-15, 2017 (1 talk)
- 34. Qingyuan Doesn't Fall Into Stages – September 29-October 2, 2011 (2 talks)
- 35. Shitou is Struck with the Whisk – September 29-October 2, 2011 (2 talks)
- 36. Yaoshan Raises his Eyebrows and Blinks – September 29-October 2, 2011 (2 talks)
- 37. Yunyan Lets Yaoshan Meet Baizhang – September 29-October 2, 2011 (2 talks)
- 38. Dongshan Hears Nonsentient Beings – October 12-16, 2012 (3 talks)
- 39. Yunju Says it From Beyond – October 12-16, 2012 (2 talks)

40. Tongan Daopi's Not Worrying About Such a Thing – October 12-16, 2012 (2 talks)
  41. Tongan Guanzhi's Nonattachment – October 12-16, 2012 (2 talks)
  42. Liangshan's Intimacy – October 12-16, 2012 (1 talk)
  43. Dayang's Signless Site of Awakening – October 3-7, 2013 (2 talks)
  44. Touzi Apart From Speech and Silence – October 3-7, 2013 (2 talks)
  45. Furong Daokai's Ordinary Rice and Tea – October 3-7, 2013 (2 talks)
  46. Danxia's Single Phrase – October 3-7, 2013 (1 talk)
  47. Qingliao Wukong's Self Prior to the Empty Eon – October 3-7, 2013 (1 talk)
  48. Zongjue Gone Beyond – October 3-7, 2013 (2 talks)
  49. Xuedou's Intimate Words Not Concealed – October 16, 2014 (2 talks)
  50. Rujing's Nondefiled Which Cannot Be Purified – October 16, 2014 (2 talks)
  51. Dogen's Dropping Off Body and Mind – October 16, 2014 (3 talks)
  52. Ejo's Single Hair Pierces Myriad Holes – October 16, 2014 (2 talks)
- Zazen Yojinki (Guidelines for Zazen) – sesshin, December 7-13, 2017 (7 talks)

### **Dogen's Meaning of Practice and Realization (Shushogi)**

Book: "Zen Master Dogen" by Yuho Yokoi

1. Birth and Death is Itself Nirvana – May 18, 2011
2. Confession and Repentance – June 8
3. Taking Refuge and Entering the Rank of Buddha – June 18
4. Arousing the Wish to Benefit Beings – June 29
5. Continuous Practice and Requiring Blessings – July 13

### **Menzan's Self-Enjoyment Samadhi (Jijuyu Zammai)**

Book: "Dogen Zen" by Shohaku Okumura

June 20-24, 2013 (5 talks)